LIBRARY

Urban District Council

BURNHAM-ON-SEA.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

1940.

Printed by
PATEY & CO.
Burnham-on-Sea.

Medical Officer's Annual Report

For 1940

To the Chairman and Members of the Burnham-on-Sea Urban District Council

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1940.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area=2246 acres.
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 9,376.
Rateable value, £64,974.
Sum represented by a penny rate, £250 5s. 6.97d.

Social conditions :—

Chief industries carried on in the area=Bacon Factory, Timber Yard, Brickyards, and Shipping Port.

Vital Statistics :—

Live Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate
M 46 F 36	M 44 F 35	M 2 F 1

Still Births	Legitimate
M 3 F 3	M 3 F 3

Birth rate—8.7 per 1,000.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age : —

M 1 F 1 Legitimate, M 1 F 1

Deaths—M 59 F 88 Rate per 1,000—15.6.

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH :—

Cerebro-Spinal Fever	F 1	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory Sytem	M 1	
Syphilitic Disease	M 1	
Cancer of Vesophagus	M 1	
Cancer of Duodenum and Stomach	F 1	
Cancer	M 2	F 8
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	M 7	F 15
Heart Disease	M 15	F 28
Bronchitis	M 4	F 4
Pneumonia	M 2	F 1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M 2	
Appendicitis	M 1	F 1
Road Traffic	F 1	
Violent causes	M 3	F 3
All other causes	M 5	F 10

Death from Cancer (all ages)—12.

Measles—nil.

Whooping Cough—nil.

Diarrhœa—nil.

Last year, 1939—Births, 101 ; 1940, 82.

" " Deaths, 108 ; 1940, 147.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

(i) Public Health Officers of the Authority:—

Medical Officer of Health—A. R. Wade, L.M.S.S.A.

Surveyor—E. Dixon Grubb, A.M.I.C.E.

Sanitary Inspector—W. B. Graham, R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(ii) (a) Laboratory facilities—no change.

(b) Ambulance ,, —St. John Ambulance Mobile Van (staffed by Red Cross). Isolation Hospital Ambulance, Axbridge.
Local Ambulances at Weston-super-Mare and Bridgwater if needed.

(c) Nursing—no change.

(d) Treatment Centre and Clinics—A Clinic was formed to treat Scabies and Impetigo.

(e) Public and Voluntary—no change.

Housing

Little has been done in Housing activities. Houses have been kept in repair as far as possible. Sanitary arrangements are satisfactory and remedied when necessary.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) MILK SUPPLY. Samples ot milk sent to County Laboratory for bacterial content and tubercle bacilli. Samples collected by Police in addition to Inspector.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. Inspected at times, being called in for opinion in regard to fitness for human consumption.

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious and other Diseases

Nothing noteworthy in regard to Measles and Whooping Cough.

Nothing noteworthy in regard to non-notifiable diseases.

Artificial immunization against Diptheria is done in the Schools by County School Medical Officer.

School children immunized—numbers not known.

Typing of Pneumococci—No action taken.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1940.

Scarlet Fever	...	20
Whooping Cough	...	2
Diphtheria	...	8
Erysipelas	...	1
Measles	...	89
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1

TUBERCULOSIS

No further action taken under Public Health except in regard to employment of Tuberculosis persons employed in the milk trade (same as 1939).

Any known cases reported and stopped from working there.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1940

Age Periods	New cases Respiratory M	F	Non-Respiratory	Deaths
0	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	Nil	—
5	—	—	—	—
15	1	1	—	—
25	3	1	—	—
35	3	—	—	—
45	2	1	—	—
55	1	—	—	1F
65	—	—	—	—
	10	3		1

Factory Act, 1937

Observations on working of Act—satisfactory.

The Hostel at Highbridge has been of great use during the year and there have been 166 in-patients.

52 cases have been treated for Scabies and Impetigo.

2 cases Chickenpox.

25 cases Enuresis.

and numerous minor ailments.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

A. R. WADE, M.O.H.

8th July, 1941.